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BIBLE VERSE TO STUDY

"Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man."

—Psalm 60:11.

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TIME — MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION

Did you ever stop and try to think of the most valuable thing on earth? Is it a diamond? Is it gold? Some say it would be power, riches, or friends.

You might think it would be love. Certainly, faith and love, which are tied closely together, are the greatest virtues, of which there are many—ilke unselfishness, sincerity, kindness, etc.

But what is the one most valuable thing? Dismissing faith, which transcends all else, of course, what is there left more valuable than anything else? What is worth more than anything — other than faith?

Time. Time's the most valuable thing you own. The amount of it you have left may depend on you. A strange thing about time is that rich people cannot buy it. They can sometimes extend it with medical care, but just as often their riches actually reduce the supply of it they have, by inducing wrong living, or by causing violence, or attracting danger.

When you waste a day, or a week, you will never recover those hours and days. They have been spent, never to return, and if you have learned nothing in that time, failed to improve yourself in some way, or failed to better your position in life, you lived wastefully in that time.

In spite of all man's inventions and knowledge, he can still do little with time. Time was the subject which probably fascinated Albert Einstein most of all. It brings about life, causes death, makes plants and animals grow, will solve any problem, if applied in great enough measure.

If man could ever capture the secret of the ravages of time, he could prolong life, perhaps stop the process of ageing.

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FASTER TRAINS COMING?

The question whether the railroads will be able to increase the speed at which they carry passengers to compete successfully with airlines, is raised by recent tests in France. In that country, two different types of new French electric locomotives have attained speeds of over 200-miles-per-hour.

These speeds are, of course, world records. Prior to the war, the train system in Germany was perhaps the best in Europe, but it may be that the French are now showing the way in the development of fast, and modern trains.

The French already have a few routes, from Paris to other French cities, over which trains average better than seventy-five-miles-an-hour. The new French locomotives, which set records of over 200-miles-per-hour on hour-long runs, are the Alshom "CC" model and the MtE "BB." Both of these locomotives are in production and scores of "CC" models are already in use.

Such new electric locomotives, combined with new lighter-weight cars, may give the railroads a boost in their effort to compete with aerial transportation. In the United States, for example, the railroads face a Herculean task in that they are trying to compete on hauls as long as that from New York to Los Angeles. Airlines make this trip in seven or eight hours, while the railroads take several days.

If, however, new trains could be developed with speed from coast-to-coast at over two hundred miles an hour, the time could be reduced to one day. Quite a few passengers would take the train on a day-long trip to the coast, who wouldn't take it if the trip required three days, or more.

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POST - ELECTION THOUGHT

After every eelction, it might be said that everyone can be divided into one of two camps: those who are elated because their candidate won, and those hurt because their candidate lost.

But is it necessary to be divided at all? Is it not much better after an election to seek for uniting rather than dividing influences? We are inclined to that position, and now that the sovereign voters of Appomattox County have expressed their choice at the polls, we hasten to urge that the ranks be closed and all hands rally to mend their differences of opinion and resolve to work for the over-all good of the party. And by "party" we mean: The great Democratic Party. This was a Democratic Primary election, called and run by the Democratic Party. The same Democratic Party will have other elections. The Democratic Party has, in years past, been a very precious thing in the minds and hearts of great numbers of the people of this county. The party is not only larger but is more important than any individual or group.

To have contests for public office is a wholesome thing. It increases interest in government. We had good candidates here in Appomattox Co. in Tuesday's primary. We will have good county government, as we have had it in the past. In saluting the winners, we also salute those who were defeated, because they gave us all a lesson in how to develop interest in public affairs.

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It is hard to believe that it was only fifteen years ago that Britain stood alone, fearing an immediate Nazi invasion— in July, 1940.

Advertisement

From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Neither Rain Nor Hail ... Nor Broken Boxes!

Red Fowler, local R.F.D. mailman, got an English car—with a right-hand drive so he can stuff mailboxes from behind the wheel.

"It's great!" Red reports. "But it would work a lot better if *all* box holders would follow regulations. A mailbox should be *40 inches high, on the right of the road* ... within reaching distance from a car window. If one is knocked down, the owner should make repairs pronto."

Come to think of it, Red is pretty good about *his* obligations—delivering packages, supplying stamps, cashing money orders—saving us trips to the Post Office. Let's fix up those boxes so he can get his chores done fast.

From where I sit, obligations always work both ways. For instance, I figure that I'm *obliged* to respect your right to enjoy your favorite beverage—be it coffee, tea, beer, buttermilk or whatever. Why? Because I'd expect you to do the same for me. The Golden Rule should be followed "to the letter" by *everyone*.

Joe Marsh

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DEATH TAKES "THE" HOLIDAY

Instead of "Death Taking a holiday" over the recent July 4th week-end, Death took over the holiday, taking a record number of victims as the holidays came to an end.

According to unofficial tabulations, the 78-hour holiday recorded 402 traffic deaths. There were an additional 221 drownings, one at nearby lake. And 124 others were killed in various other accidents, for a grand total of 747 violent deaths. The record for a similar three-day July 4th period was 366 traffic deaths, set in 1952. However, the traffic death toll record for any Fourth of July week-end was 491, set in the four-day holiday period of 1950, when the over-all toll of victims was 793.

We agree heartily with the statement which Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, issued before the holiday ended: "This needless traffic toll is a tragic price tag on holiday fun. We appeal to every driver on the road to halt this toll right now by driving so alertly, so patiently, so skillfully that he prevents the one accident he can prevent—the one he may cause."

That advice is good for every day in the year — not only for holiday driving. While many people become the innocent victims of the carelessness of others, many accidents are avoidable if proper care is exercised, at all times.

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GI RIGHTS ABROAD

A ruckus is currently being kicked up on Capitol Hill over the agreements this country has with fifteen of its allies, which allow allied governments to prosecute U. S. servicemen in criminal cases involving men stationed in these foreign countries.

Several Congressmen have said this is a violation of the constitutional rights of the servicemen. They think U. S. military courts — or other courts — should handle these cases.

Do Americans want to grant foreign personnel the right to trial in their own countries when they are involved in criminal cases in the United States? And should this country take over all criminal cases, involving alleged crimes of GI's abroad and attempt to settle these cases according to laws of the lands in which the incidents occur?

If we attempt to settle these cases according to U. S. Laws, then we are applying laws in a foreign country to our servicemen which are actually not the laws of the country in which they are living. These foreign countries could justly claim that they should be allowed to settle criminal cases involving their nationals in the United States according to the laws of their countries.

In any large military force, there will be some who commit crimes, and if they commit them in France, England, or Itary or Germany, they are aware of where they are and that the country in which they are residing is sovereign. This is a reflection that should be sobering. The ideal would be for everyone, at home or abroad, to shun criminal conduct.

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There are a lot of religions and religious beliefs, and it is somewhat presumptuous for anyone to think he alone, or his faith alone, has all the answers.

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In the boxing world there is, currently, a chance for another million dollar gate. We believe a Marciano - Moore heavyweight title bout would come close to it.

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What Congress needs, apparently, is a non-partisan board to conduct investigations and make a report as to the facts discovered.

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Now that the swimming season is here, it might be a good idea for parents to warn their youngsters about dangers that lurk in the water.

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There are people in the world who believe that a cash contribution is all that they are required to do for their communities.

WASHINGTON NOTES

EUROPEAN SECURITY

President Eisenhower is believed to have under study a European security system which would include both the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries and the Communist bloc. The plan calls for an exchange of guarantees and a limitation of forces between the two groups of nations. The plan may be presented for discussion when the heads of government of the Big Four meet in Geneva on July 18.

TRUMAN

Former President Harry S. Truman, speaking at the recent United Nations Meeting in San Francisco, appealed for rapid armament reduction under international control. He warned that if the world did not adhere to the prinicples of the United Nations Charter, it would plunge into anarchy and a war of total destruction.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Consumers, who already owe $130,655,000,000, are continuing to buy on credit in record volume. Home-owners alone owe $78,900,000,000. Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, with these facts in mind, has advised all Americans to be cautious in borrowing.

CHILD CRIME RISE

An increase of fifty per cent in juvenile delinquency by 1960 was recently predicted by Judge Philip B. Gillam, court judge from Denver, Colorado, who said that, by that time, most "war babies" will have reached the delinquency age of 10 to 18. "Sloppy parenthood, inadequate schools, poor homes and untrained social workers are factors the judge listed as contributing to the expected increase in child crime.

GERM WARFARE

Speaking before a Texas audience Maj. Gen. William Creasy, chief Army chemical officer, declared that, in an all-out war, the potential threat from germ and chemical warfare is as great as the danger from atomic weapons. He believes an enemy would want to save the productive facilities of this nation, and, therefore, might concentrate his assaults on people rather than on machines.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Gen. Leslie R. Groves, who commands the Manhattan pro[ject] through which the atomic bomb [was] developed in World War II, recen[tly] deplored the lack of interest of [the] people of this country in the eff[ects] of an atomic attack. He said [the] American people are totally un[pre]pared for an atomic attack and indifferent to the possibility.

FARM INCOME DROPS

Farmers of the nation receiv[ed] about $8.2 billion from crops [mar]keted in the first four months of [the] year. While the volume of [market]ing was about the same as in 19[54], prices were about 5 per cent lo[wer] than in the comparable period [of] last year.

NEW BUILDING PEAK

The Commerce and Labor Depa[rt]ments recently predicted that sp[end]ing on construction in this coun[try] will shoot up about $4,500,000,[000] this year to an unprecedented $[...]800,000,000. This was a sharp [up]ward revision since November, w[hen] Government economists forese[aw a] $2,000,000,000 rise. The biggest [per]centage increase —44 per cent— was seen for stores, restaura[nts] and garages. Non-residential b[uild]ing was expected to rise 17 [per] cent.

HOME - OWNERS

The number of young mar[ried] couples, living with their pa[rents] or other relatives, has been de[clin]ing. In 1947, about 3,000,000 m[ar]ried couples did not have their [own] household. Now only about 1,[...]000 couples are living with [rela]tives — most of the others [have] homes of their own, which they [have] bought or are buying.

WHITE HOUSE COST

It costs the nation a total [of] $366,200 on the average to run [the] White House for a year. There [is a] staff of 72 maids, butlers, co[oks,] gardeners, maintenance men [and] others who keep up with the Ex[ecu]tive Mansion and its 18 surro[und]ing acres. Electric current used [dur]ing 1954 amounted to $30,890. [This] was just one of the many [items] which have to be taken care of.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, July 12.- This is a great day for some folks, as it is election day. Let's hope the right man will be elected to fill each office.

We have been blessed with such nice rains. We are thankful for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gaulden have returned from their honeymoon and are at present living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore. They both work in Lynchburg, and drive each day. Best wishes go with this young couple for a happy life together.

Master Mark Russell, of Richmond is spending a while with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas. He is a fine little boy and is always a welcome guest in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Barrell and two children, of Staunton spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson and other home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children spent Sunday at Natural Bridge with his parents.

Mrs. Virginia Davis, of Norfolk, visited her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson over the week-end. Miss Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end in the Carson home.

The Rev. Smith, new pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church, preached a fine sermon there Sunday morning. He expects to begin a revival at Bethel on the 4th Sunday in July. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thomas and son, of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and family, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mrs. C. M. Stratton is having a shower for Miss Stella Thomas at her home Wednesday night of this week. She will be married to Mr. Calvin Tanner on July 23 at Bethel Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence; Mr. Billy Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick over the week-end.

Mr. Homer Grant, Jr., and his girl friend, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Beard and sons.

Mrs. Marvin Stratton and Mrs. Etta Routon spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

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Seattle, Wash.- A Federal Court jury recently awarded George G. Moore, a former service station operator, $240,000 in damages against seven of the nation's oil companies. Moore, in his suit, charged the companies ruined his business in 1952 by agreeing to refuse to sell him gasoline because he cut his prices. The jury found Moore had suffered actual damages of $80,000 and gave him three times that amount.

ABOUT YOUR HOME

By Frances Dell

Most wives have the responsibility of keeping their husband's wardrobe in top-notch shape.

If your husband likes to have you help him select his clothes, this is a real compilment, so always take the time. You may have the type man that doesn't care how he looks and never wants to spend the money or time to buy or choose his clothes.

It is the wife's problem to help her husband see and understand the importance of being as well dressed as his income warrants. Although the clothes do not make the man, it is true that your appearance is the first clue strangers have to the type person you are. If it is at all important to make a good first impression in his work, then it is your duty to see he looks neat and well-groomed.

Go through your husband's pockets regularly and sort the contents, throwing away all the things he doesn't need to carry. Constant overloading of pockets spoils the lines of a suit and causes it to wear out faster.

Turn back the trouser cuffs and brush all the dirt from the fold. Dirt and dust allowed to collect in this fold makes a perfect breeding place for moths and silverfish.

Before you put away a suit for storage, it is a good idea to go over the entire suit with your vacuum clearner's upholstery attachment.

Air suits frequently. Hang them in an open window and let the fresh air and sunlight wash away unpleasant odors.

Keep all the buttons on tight and mend any rips in the suit or pockets. To keep zippers in working order, touch the metal teeth with a small amount of candle wax. Then glide the slide fastener back and forth to spread the wax.

COPS FACES RED

Charleston, W. Va.- Police finally found a stolen car —in police custody— where it had been for more than a month after being hauled in for a parking violation.

In Fashion Now

Summer flowers make lovely fashion accessories. They compliment any costume for any occasion. They are as flattering and becoming to young girls as to mature women.

Certainly one of the most romantic of ideas is wearing flowers in the hair. The flowers can be chosen to play up the color of your eyes or to call attention to a desired color in the outfit you are wearing.

Fresh flowers and a bit of veil can be fashioned into a most original and becoming hat. These flower hats are suitable for almost any after-five occasion.

Earrings and other jewelry made of flowers have long been worn in the tropical sections of the world. You can make a pair of earrings with a bit of fine wire and a pair of earring backs.

First place a piece of moist cotton around the stem of your chosen bloom. Cover this with green florist tape. Wire this to the earring backs. Keep in the ice box until you are ready to wear them.

Choose flowers that you know hold up well for your accessories.

RATTLED TRAFFIC

Bethel, N. C.- Traffic became slightly rattled here recently when a rattlesnake coiled at an intersection and struck at passing cars. The snarl continued until Jerry Autman drove a farm tractor over its head and collected a souvenir—14 rattles.

Health and Beauty

It is hard to believe that approximately 6,500 people die from drowning in our country each year. This number of deaths could be greatly reduced if everyone would learn to swim.

It is not likely you will become an expert swimmer by taking a few lessons. However, it will rid you of your fear of the water. This is half of the battle. You will be able to relax and really enjoy swimming.

It is possible to stay afloat for long periods without performing a single conventional stroke if you don't panic. The "dog" paddle, or relaxing so that the water will support your weight could mean the difference between life and death.

A sudden cramp is a frightening thing, even to an expert swimmer, if he is some distance from shore. If this happens, the best thing to do is try to massage the affected area while proceeding slowly to the shore.

There are three main ways to prevent muscle cramps while swimming. First, avoid going into cold water too rapidly. Next, never go swimming right after you have eaten a meal. Third, stay out of the water until you have cooled off after being overheated.

Never dive into water you are not familiar with. It may not be deep enough, or there may be a hidden log beneath the surface.

By all means, don't let this summer pass without learning to swim. You will add a great deal of pleasure to your life and will be enjoying one of the most perfect exercises known.

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